

the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that the class from Marion High School will represent the State of South Dakota in this national event. These young scholars have worked conscientiously to reach the national finals by participating at local and statewide competitions. As a result of their experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The 3-day We the People national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The We the People program provides curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels. The curriculum not only enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, it also helps them identify the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, and cooperative learning techniques help develop participatory skills necessary for students to become active, responsible citizens.

The class from Marion High School is currently preparing for their participation in the national competition in Washington, DC. It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the fundamental ideals and principles of our government, ideas that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation. It is important for future generations to understand these values and principles which we hold as standards in our endeavor to preserve and realize the promise of our constitutional democracy. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the We the People national finals.●

HONORING ALBERT W. SISK

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of rising today to recognize Mr. Albert W. Sisk of Hopkinsville, KY. Earlier this month, Mr. Sisk was honored as Kentucky's nominee for the 2003 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award at the National Automobile Dealers Association convention.

Mr. Sisk is the president and dealer principle of Sisk Auto Mall located in Hopkinsville. One of the most distinguishing features of Mr. Sisk's business philosophy is his commitment to fam-

ily. Mr. Sisk is a second-generation car dealer and he contributes his success to the knowledge he gained from working alongside his father, a torch he now passes to his son who is General Manager of Sisk Auto Mall.

Mr. Sisk is certainly no stranger to community involvement. Aside from his current service in the private sector, Mr. Sisk once served his country as a member of the United States Army upon graduation from the University of Kentucky in 1965. Now he focuses his attention on helping young adults excel in academics and their future careers. He is an active member of the YMCA, Rotary Club, First Christian Church and the Elizabeth Stone Educational Fund Advisory Board.

Business and personal honors aside, Mr. Sisk cites having the opportunity to work with his father the most rewarding aspect of his career. It is not often we have the chance to honor such a distinguished business man, community member, and family man. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Albert W. Sisk.●

IN APPRECIATION OF MAJOR GENERAL PHILIP G. KILLEY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to express my profound appreciation for the work MG Philip G. Killey has provided as the adjutant general for the South Dakota National Guard. General Killey has announced that he will be retiring after 40 years of service, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the extraordinary work he has done for this country and for the South Dakota National Guard.

General Killey reports that South Dakota has continued its high rankings in terms of readiness of its National Guard units. South Dakota's units also excel in the quality of its new recruits. I commend the South Dakota National Guard for its continued excellence, and General Killey for his leadership, which has led to the maintenance of this high standard. National rankings only confirm the quality that has come to be expected of the National Guard of a great State.

Most South Dakotans know at least 1 of the 4,500 current members of the South Dakota National Guard or the thousands of former guardsmen. Sometimes, the connection is even more direct. My oldest son Brooks was a proud member of the South Dakota Army National Guard in Yankton prior to his active duty service with the U.S. Army.

Every community in my State benefits from the work of these guardsmen. Following the tragedies of September 11, guardsmen were called to assist in the campaign against terrorism and performed security duties at airports around the State. From Aberdeen to Yankton, the Guard is a key member of the South Dakota community.

In addition to the support the National Guard provides to South Da-

kota, it has also supported overseas operations including those in Central America, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Units around the State have been activated this year, deploying to military bases across our country and around the world.

These latest activities, and the professionalism that our South Dakota National Guardsmen have shown, are a testimony to the leadership of General Killey. Before becoming the adjutant general in 1998, General Killey served with distinction in both the active duty and in the South Dakota National Guard.

General Killey received his commission in 1963 through Officer Training School, at Lackland AFB in Texas. He served a tour in Southeast Asia in 1967-1968 flying the F-4 with the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. He left active duty in 1969 and joined the Air National Guard in 1970. He held various positions with the South Dakota Air National Guard before becoming the adjutant general. He was recalled to active duty as director of the Air National Guard from 1988 until 1994. General Killey was the first guardsman to serve as commander, 1st Air Force, Air Combat Command, and Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, from 1994 until 1998.

I enthusiastically commend General Killey for his many years of service, and thank him for all that he has done for this Nation and for our great State of South Dakota. I wish him and his wife Ellen all the very best as they move on to new challenges and opportunities.●

TRIBUTE TO KING DAVID HOLMES, SR.

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the late King David Holmes, Sr., a life-long resident and civil rights leader from the city of Waterbury, CT.

"King David," as he was affectionately known, was born and raised in Waterbury. After graduating from Crosby High School in 1940, he served in the Army during World War II. Returning to Waterbury after his tour of duty, King David worked at Scoville Manufacturing for 30 years, retiring as a shop foreman. He also spent 11 years working for the former Connecticut Department of Human Resources, now known as the Department of Social Services.

As the civil rights movement came to its own in the late 1950s and early 1960s, King David quickly became a local leader in advocating the needs of Waterbury's African-American community. He organized marches and protests against businesses and schools in the city practicing discrimination. He also founded the Waterbury Black Democratic Club and chaired New Opportunities for Waterbury, Inc., which